

PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION MEASURES COVID-19

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SITUATION/CONTEXT INFORMATION

- On 22 May, the President extended the state of emergency and quarantine until 30 June. New measures include the reduction of curfew time and the resumption of e-commerce, as well as of technical services, such as carpentry, plumbing, hairdressing, IT and odontology, among others.
- On 26 May, the Minister of Foreign Affairs participated in the International Donors Conference for refugees and migrants from Venezuela, convened by the European Union and Spain. The Minister highlighted the challenges the country is facing to meet the demands of the population, including those of vulnerable refugees and migrants, amid the efforts to contain the pandemic.

KEY IMPACTS, NEEDS AND RISKS

- So far, GTRM partners reported some 150 cases of confirmed COVID-19 infections among refugees and migrants, with some suspicious cases having no access to medical attention and testing. While some shelters have isolation areas, the high concentration of vulnerable refugees and migrants in these spaces raises concern. Access to medical attention outside of the current sanitary emergency is increasingly limited for both refugee, migrants and host communities, as most medical resources are concentrated in the response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This heightens the need to continue advocating for the enhancement of basic health services in the public health system.
- Soaring risks over the heightened economic vulnerability of Venezuelans and their host communities continue to draw attention over the urgent need to generate income to cover food security and shelter. Aside from the need to scale up CBI, supporting projects that enable self-reliance and economic integration remains a priority.

RESPONSE

PREPAREDNESS

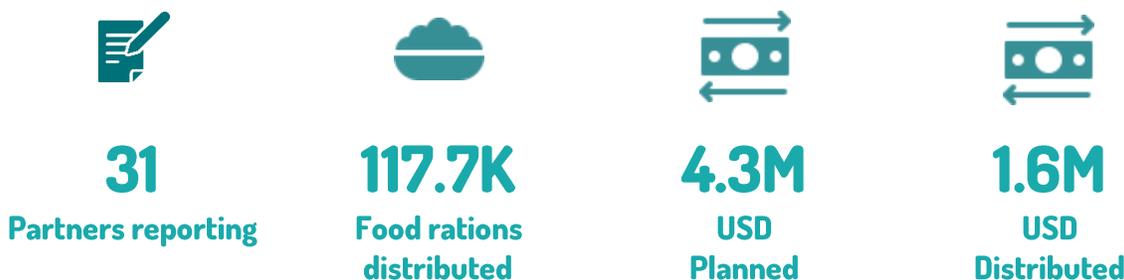
Protection

- The GTRM is responding to the increase of violence against women and children through a series of tailored trainings to develop the capacity of frontline government and humanitarian actors. These workshops focus on expanding the *know-how* needed to assist vulnerable population remotely through hotlines, protection of sexual exploitation and abuse, psychosocial support to reduce the impact of human mobility and gender-based violence amid the emergency, and on addressing human trafficking and smuggling.

OPERATIONAL MEASURES

1. To date, USD 1,600,000 have been distributed on Cash-Based Interventions (CBI) in support of over 32,000 refugees and migrants across Peru. Distributions focused in Lima, Arequipa, Callao, Cusco, La Libertad, Lambayeque, Madre de Dios, Piura, Tacna and Tumbes.
2. GTRM partners have assisted more than 600 refugees and migrants through the improvement and management of shelters.
3. Partners have supported over 6,000 vulnerable refugees and migrants through health and nutrition services, including nutrition for pregnant women and mental health assistance.
4. Partners in Tumbes are providing trainings in shelters on COVID-19 prevention and supporting the production of some 300 cloth face masks, with the assistance of Venezuelan volunteers, to distribute to vulnerable refugees, migrants and host community.

KEY FIGURES



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS ASSISTED

